

Message from the Board:

SFBARS would like to thank Karina Nilsen and Nancy Sheppard for hosting our two most recent ACOR speakers . If you are interested in hosting a speaker in 2016, please let Nancy Sheppard nashesf@sbcglobal.net know. Hosting involves arranging accommodation (hotel or home), coordinating schedule during visit, and helping coordinate the event. A wonderful chance to spend some quality time with a textile expert!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 15-18, 2015

[ARTS - Antique Rugs &
Textile Show](#)

Capri Hotel

More information on ARTS:
<http://www.artsrugshow.org/>

Fall - TBD

[Show and Tell, Turkomen
Ensis](#)

Nur and Sons Gallery,
Solano Ave, Berkeley

Please let Nancy Sheppard
nashesf@sbcglobal.net know if
you have an Ensi you would like
to show off!

August 6-9, 2015

**ICOC XII- The 13th International
Conference on Oriental Carpets**

Washington DC

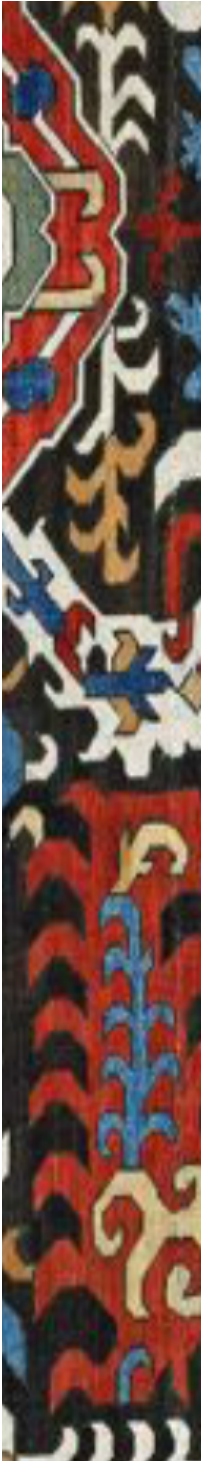
ICOC XIII is filling up! The pre-conference tours are sold out, but there are still a few spaces on the Post-Conference tour to New York City and Philadelphia. The Dealer Fair and the special exhibitions are organized, and all of the talks.

This edition of these always-popular Conferences is being held in collaboration with and in support of the new Textile Museum on the campus of George Washington University.

ICOC-XIII will include special admission to the important opening exhibition that fills the new museum, three additional exhibitions from private collections, two receptions, two days and a half days of lectures, panel discussions and programs (including a Mystery Rug sessions and a show and tell) produced by ICOC at GWU, access to The Textile Museum's new conservation and storage facilities and a post-Conference tour to Philadelphia and New York City.

The academic sessions will feature international speakers and authorities on new trends in carpet studies, trends in carpet and textile collecting, development in the museum world, the role of the internet and social media in carpet studies and collecting, carpets and contemporary art, as well as various papers on the results of research on specific carpet and textile topics. Additional activities and events are still being planned.

ICOC XIII -THE 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORIENTAL CARPETS (CONTINUE)



There will be a Carpet Fair in the one-year old conference hotel with an international all-star lineup of exhibitors including Seref Ozen, John Collins, Bertram Frauenknecht, James Cohen, Amin Motemadi, Mark Berkovich, Fred Hazin, Adnan Aydin, Mete Mutlu, Rodney McDonald, Ali Aydin, Anatolian Picker, Murathan Ozgen, Douglas Stock, Mohammad Zavvar, Rodolfo Kachanian and Hali magazine.

ICOC has arranged a special and exclusive rate of \$109/night (plus taxes) at the one-year old Hilton Garden Inn, the conference hotel where the Carpet Fair will be held and which is only a 10-minute walk from The Textile Museum.

In addition to the all-encompassing "Unraveling Identities" exhibition at The Textile Museum, the International Hajji Baba Society is mounting an un-themed and eclectic exhibition of rugs and textiles belonging to its members, some of whom have world-class collections. Virtually every major weaving area will be represented, with an effort to show what Washington area collectors have been acquiring in recent years.

The second exhibition will be of approximately 21 diverse "cushions" from Scandinavia to Central Asia. Included will be Turkish yastiks, Belouch balishts and Swedish carriage or seat cushions in addition to extremely rare cushions that are not generally known outside this exhibition. All will be from the 18th or 19th Centuries.

In this first known exhibition exclusively of cushions (stuffed textiles that were woven to be leaned against or sat upon as opposed to being storage containers such as bags), participants will see a great variety of structures, techniques and color palettes spanning thousands of miles. In some cases, these cushions will share certain design motifs or elements while retaining their own identities.

The third exhibition will be of highly collectible niche rugs and textiles from Turkey, Persia and Central Asia. Sometimes referred to as "prayer rugs," these niche format objects will be of pile, kilim, embroidered silk, and other structures.

Visit the web site for more information, and to register!

<http://www.icoc-orientalrugs.org/>